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## **The Mind of the Chancellor**

Universities are playing a key role in transforming of scientific, cultural, social, and economical aspects of human being societies which in turn these are considering as vital pillar to achieve the pervasive progress in each individual society. Furthermore, the function of specialized universities for identification and evaluation of scientific and research potentials of related subjects are important.



*Prof. Dr. Karim Solaimani*  
*Chancellor of University*

In this regard, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Universities by applying updated knowledge in order of progression and rehabilitation of agricultural products potentials and preservation of natural resources playing a specific and valuable role through a country. Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is considering as one of these universities in the northern part of Iran, mainly because of benefiting from committed and specialized academics, transaction with other national universities and occasionally international universities and its inspirational movement toward the scientific progression and evolution. The presence of fine cooperation between the pioneer researchers and lecturers of Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, in which some of them have been selected as scientific elites of Iran, has led to investigation and resolving of agricultural and natural resources problems with collaboration with related agricultural and environmental research institutes. Considering the current 27 MSc and 15 PhD courses, with wise scheme of university's management and guidance of academic staffs, Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is traversing the complex process of enhancement of education and extension of specialized educational courses in ascending order.

As it has been said "Today, we are faced with complex challenges and only those who persevere will survive", so the secret key to preserve these challenges is to be equipped with the armor of knowledge. Hence, the direct message of Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is to assist you to discover the available opportunities in agricultural sciences and natural resources fields to develop your potentials, and with the support of Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources academic association, to realize your dreams!

*Prof. Dr. Karim Soalaimani*  
*Chancellor*

## **Why study at Sari University**

### **Value for money**

- Competitive tuition fees
- Various competitive faculty specific scholarships available at postgraduate levels
- Free health care under the National Health Service, with exception of prescriptions, opticians and dentists

### **Travel opportunities**

- Sari University is a few minutes and couple of hours far from the Caspian Sea and Damavand volcano summit, respectively, by driving and provided easy access to the Alborz highlands.
- Excellent travel links (railway, bus and airway) ensuring the opportunity to easily explore the rest of Iran.

### **Life in Mazandaran Province**

- Wet and Green land, and sharing about 600 km of the Caspian Sea coastline.
- Numerous landscapes, including the famous coastal towns
- Having access to many shopping and entertainment centers

## **Introduction**

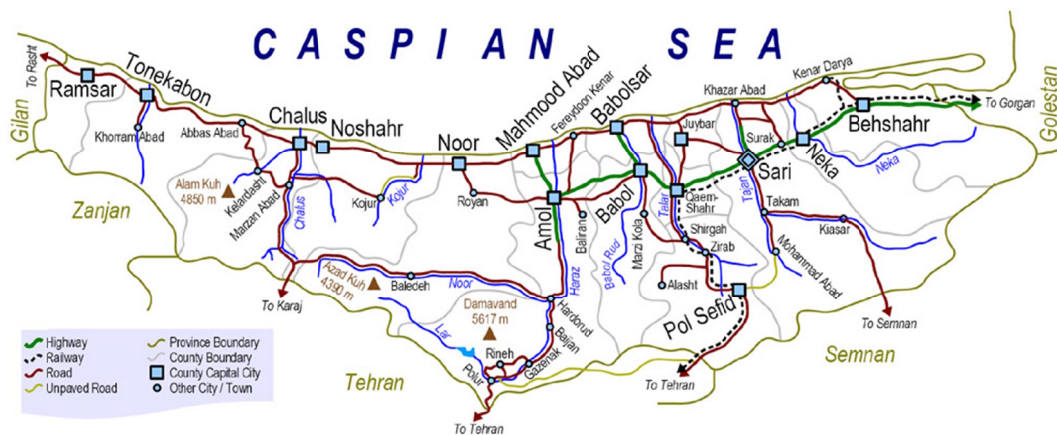
### ***Mazandaran in a Glance***

Mazandaran is one of the Caspian provinces in the north of Iran with total area of 23756 km<sup>2</sup> and geographical specification of 50°, 34' - 54°, 47' eastern longitudes and 35°, 47' - 36°, 35' northern latitudes. Located on the Southern coast of the Caspian Sea, it is bordered clockwise by Golestan, Semnan, Tehran, Qazvin and Guilan provinces (together forming Greater Mazandaran, separated from Mazandaran respectively in 1997, 1976 and 1960). Having total area of 438000 Km<sup>2</sup>, Caspian Sea is considering as the largest lake in the world and one of the important aquatic ecosystems which including of 114 economic and non-economic fish species.

Its diverse nature and climate include plains, rangelands, and forests ranges from the sandy beaches to the rugged and snowcapped Alborz sierra with the highest peak and volcano throughout Middle-East and Western Asia, Mount Damavand which at the narrowest point (Nowshahr County) narrows to 5 miles and culminates less than 2000 meters from the coast.



*Damavand Mt. 5671m*



A major producer of farmed fish in Iran and the neighbor regions, Mazandaran is the leading economic base of agricultural and fishery products. In other words, this province is the largest rice producer (43%) in Iran and has the first ranking in terms of cultivation area and production of citrus. Furthermore, benefiting from richest natural resources (Sea and Forest), unique ecology island (Miyankale Island), the only broiler production line and so many other characteristics, Mazandaran has been considered as the agricultural and natural resources province by Iranian governmental administration. Moreover, Mazandaran relies on the Tourism industry, as many tourists enjoy visiting the area.



Caspian Sea

Mazandaran contains a deep rich history with human habitation of at least 75,000 years. Recent excavations in Goher Tippe provide proof that the area has been urbanized for more than 5 thousand years of civilization, and this area is one of the most important historical sites of Iran and has played an important role in cultural flourishing and urban development of the region. Mazandaran was part of the ancient Hyrcanian Kingdom and former Kingdom of Tapuria. Indigenous people of the region are ethnic Mazanderanis (Tapurians), speaking a Caspian language.

## ***Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources***

### ***History***

Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is located in the northern part of Iran and close to the Caspian Sea in city of Sari, Mazandaran Province.

The origin of university can be traced to the "College of Agricultural Engineering" which was established in 1974. This junior college was covering Agricultural Science,



Forestry, Range management and Animal Sciences courses. In 1979, after victory of Islamic revolution in Iran, this college played a key role in establishing of the University of Mazandaran. At the end 1998, due to outgrowing of the college, it was authorized by the ministry of science to establish two new faculties; Agricultural Science and Natural Resources. These faculties started their official educational activities in 2000.

In 2004, the college was further expanded to four faculties of Crop Sciences, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Sciences and Fisheries and Natural Resources and it was renamed to "Sari Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources campus" based on both quantitative and qualitative development.

Furthermore, considering Mazandaran province as an agro-economic center, two other research institutes was added to this university, known as;

❖ [Genetic and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute of Tabarestan \(GABIT\)](#)

This research institute is located at the core center of the University and rather than having its own management system and independent organizational chart, it is included of several active academic subdivision such as Biotechnology, Agronomy and Plant Breeding.

❖ [Caspian Ecosystems Research Institute](#)

This research institute is highly active in term of conducting several research studied in different fields such as Forest Ecosystems, Marine Ecosystems, Ecosystem Products, Rangeland Ecosystems, and Environmental Issues.

Ultimately, in 2008, Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources officially announced its present legal entity. Today the SANRU has four faculties, more than 130 academic staffs, 3000 undergraduate (B.Sc.) and 421 postgraduate (M.Sc. & Ph.D) students.

The outlook of Sari University is based on updated teaching, learning, research and innovation programs in order to prepare students, graduates and staff whom are ready to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Subject Area; undergraduates and postgraduates levels

### *Faculty of Crop Science*

<i>Faculty of Crop Sciences</i>	<i>Educational Course Level</i>	<i>Academic Major</i>
	Ph.D.	Plant Breeding(Biometry)
		Plant Breeding(Molecular Genetics & Genetic Engineering) Agronomy
	M.Sc.	Plant Breeding
Plant pathology		
Agricultural Biotechnology		
Agricultural Entomology		
B.Sc.	Agronomy	
	Weeds Sciences	
	Horticultural Sciences	
	Soil Sciences	
B.Sc.	Horticultural Sciences	
	Soil Sciences	
	Agronomy & Plant Breeding	
	Plant Protection	

### *Faculty of Agricultural Engineering*

<i>Faculty of Agricultural Engineering</i>	<i>Educational Course Level</i>	<i>Academic Major</i>
	Ph.D.	Irrigation & Drainage
		Agricultural Economics
		Hydraulic Structures
M.Sc.	Hydraulic Structures	
	Agricultural Economics	
	Irrigation & Drainage	
	Food Sciences & Technology	
B.Sc.	Farm Machinery	
	Agricultural Meteorology	
	Agricultural Economics	
	Food Sciences & Technology	
B.Sc.	Farm Machinery	
	Agricultural Water Engineering	

***Faculty of Animal Science and Fisheries***

<b><i>Faculty of Animal Science and Fishery</i></b>	<b><i>Educational Course Level</i></b>	<b><i>Academic Major</i></b>
	Ph.D.	Animal Nutrition
		Animal Breeding & Genetics
		Aquaculture
	M.Sc.	Animal Breeding & Genetics
		Animal & Poultry Nutrition
		Animal Physiology
		Aquaculture
	B.Sc.	Aquatic Ecology
		Seafood Science & Technology
Animal Sciences		
Poultry Sciences		
		Aquaculture
		Aquatic Ecology

***Faculty of Natural Resources***

<b><i>Faculty of Natural Resources</i></b>	<b><i>Educational Course Level</i></b>	<b><i>Academic Major</i></b>
	Ph.D.	Watershed Management Engineering
		Forest Economics
		Forest Sciences
		Silviculture & Forest Ecology
		Rangeland Sciences
	M.Sc.	Watershed Management
		Forestry
		Silviculture & Forest Ecology
		Rangeland Management
Forest Engineering		
B.Sc.	Wood Preservation & Modification	
	Pulp & Paper Technology	
	Forestry	
		Pulp and Paper Science & Technology
		Rangeland & Watershed Management

***Department of Basic Sciences***



Department of Basic Sciences	Educational Course Level	Academic Major
	M.Sc	Cellular and Molecular Biology

### ***Higher education at Sari University***

Undergraduate honors degrees at Sari University are usually four years in duration. Students are admitted to the academic faculty where their subject is offered. The degrees are structured to ensure a great deal of flexibility in the first two years of study, with students only confirming their major at the end of their second year.

*Note: this is not applicable regarding to professional degrees which follow a less flexible curriculum.*

At postgraduate level, Master degrees throughout the Iran I.R education system are two years in duration, whereas PhD programs are normally four years. An additional benefit of higher education in the Iran I.R is the focus on the independent learning and research. This educational culture is reflected in the number of contact hours, which you may find to be slightly lower than your home country, and the expectation that students will be required to spend a significant proportion of their time doing independent study outside the classroom, driven in part by their own academic interests.

#### **a) Undergraduate**

We accept international qualifications from around the world. If Farsi is not your first language, we normally require that you achieve Persian score. This may be higher for certain courses.

#### **b) Postgraduate**

We accept international qualifications from around the world and will consider applicants with a good first degree (in some certain circumstances this must be subjected specific). If Farsi is not your first language, we normally require that you achieve Persian score. This may be higher for certain courses.

### ***Computer and Internet Services***

One of the vast services that has been provided by deputy of Research and Technology for all staffs and students is equipping the university by modern systems, software and hardware either inside the computer site or in staffs and academic member's rooms, in dormitories and elsewhere needed. Facilitating the electronic registry of students, automation of recording and other administrations services, automation of financial activities, automation of research and technology records, automation of all records in student vice-chancellery and automation of educational evaluation procedure and the key activity of this section.

### ***Relation with Industries***

Relation with industries is one of the most important sections which make a line connection between the university, specialists and industries to provide research needs of industries by applying academic staffs knowledge based on bilateral contractions between two sides. Definition of research plan in form of flagship contracts provided new activities between the university and industries countrywide.

### ***Dormitory***

Our dormitories consist of 300 bedrooms in four stairs at two separated blocks for male and females in a nice area inside the University campus. In each stairs there are facilities such as basic furniture, bed, washing machine, dinner table, carpet, fridge, iron, wardrobe, bookcase, desk, chairs, cooling and heating system, TV, etc. You may have a choice about the size of the dorm room you'd like to live in. If you choose a single room it means you will share it with only one person to try to meet a balance with; however there are four people in double rooms, two beds in each. Dorm rooms will be cleaned twice a week by the university cleaners.

### ***Campus Environment***

Sari University is pleased to offer a complete education experience on a magnificent campus, with a modern library, modern classrooms, computer sites with highly efficient computer and internet connections, research labs, research centers, dormitories, student activity center, student sport complex, cafeteria and restaurant. The campus also offers bookstore, health center, Psychological Guidance, and ATMs. Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities and join a broad range of social and cultural events in the university. There are numerous activities to do including walking, tennis, basketball, volleyball, football, art, literature, music, folklore, photography and many more. Moreover, the students can watch films once or twice a week in a friendly setting and attend music classes.

### ***Office of International Scientific Cooperation Office (ISCO)***

The Office of International Scientific Cooperation Office provides information and assistance to international students, faculty members and researchers. It also establishes links between Sari University and other Iranian universities on the one hand and foreign universities, research institutes and centers on the other. The ISCO offers advice and services to all international students and scholars. It provides opportunities for academic members and students to participate in international conferences, seminars and workshops. It also enjoys close relationships with many international associations and cooperates in offering its services for membership in international associations and sabbatical leave. For more information Please contact: International Scientific Cooperation Office at: [isco@sanru.ac.ir](mailto:isco@sanru.ac.ir).

### ***Finance***

It is important that you arrange funding for both your tuition fees and living costs prior to arriving in the Iran I.R. You should contact the Iranian Council Officer nearest you and governmental agencies in your home country as a first step for funding advice. In some instances loans given by your own Department of Education or by banks in your own country can be used to fund studies overseas.

### ***Guaranteed Tuition Fee Rate***

Tuition fees for international students are held at the level paid at the time of entry to the Sari University to assist in budgeting for degree study.

### ***Working part time***

As an international student studying full-time for longer than six month, you are permitted to work for up to 10 hours a week during term period, provided it does not

state otherwise in your passport. Please note this must not be relied upon as means to fund your studies.

### **Tuition fees**

According to the decision made by the presidential board of Sari University at 2012, the tuition fees (US Dollars) per each semester for each registered course at different educational level would be according to the below table;

Study area	Educational level		
	B.Sc	M.Sc	Ph.D
Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources	1250	2450	4850

### **Cost of living**

The Sari University recommends that you should consider approximately **\$400-450** for a singly student per month and about **\$800-850** for couples students per month as living cost in Mazandaran Province. Please note that the above mentioned values are only a very rough breakdown of costs. When you arrive at the University you can be sure of a warm welcome and there is a variety of events and services designated to help you settle into your new surroundings. This support continues throughout your studies.

### **Admission Requirements**

Applications are evaluated on an individual basis. After their academic and educational records have been reviewed, applicants will be interviewed in person.

### **Application for Admission**

An applicant for admission to one of the programs of Sari University must satisfy the following requirements:

The applicants should present their high school diploma transcript or any other pre-university certificates that have been confirmed by the relevant authorities within or outside of Iran. Postgraduate applicants, in addition to the above documents, should also present their Bachelor's degree approved by the relevant authorities. Applicants who are not citizens of Iran are in addition required:

- To supply financial guarantees that sufficient funds for tuition and living expenses.
- To accept and observe all educational and behavioral rules of Sari University

## ***APPLICATION PROGRAMS***

Applications are accepted twice a year.

### ***Documents Required for Undergraduate Application***

1. Undergraduate Admission Application Form
2. Original High School Diploma (mark sheets).
3. Twelve (12) photographs
4. An evidence of financial guarantee (i.e. a letter from a bank) indicating sufficient funds available for tuition and living expenses.
5. Photocopy of the passport (relevant page) or birth certificate
6. A copy of proof of English Proficiency if any

Not: English translations of these documents are necessary if they are in any language other than English

### ***Documents required for postgraduate Application***

1. Two recommendation letters from the his/her previous thesis supervisors
2. Postgraduate Admission Application Form
3. Original High School Diploma and Bachelor's degree (mark sheets).
4. Twelve (12) photographs
5. An evidence of financial guarantee (i.e. a letter from a bank) indicating sufficient funds available for tuition and living expenses.
6. Photocopy of the passport (relevant page) or birth certificate
7. A copy of proof of English Proficiency if any

## **SUBMITTING THE APPLICATIONS**

Application forms can be obtained from [www.ensanru.ac.ir](http://www.ensanru.ac.ir) or Registrar's office. All applications should be submitted to the Registrar's Office in one of the following ways:

E-mail : [isco@sanru.ac.ir](mailto:isco@sanru.ac.ir)

Fax : + (98) 151-3822548

Postal Address : ISCO Office, Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Km 9 Darya Road, P.O Box 576, Sari-Iran

For your admission enquiries please contact: [isco@sanru.ac.ir](mailto:isco@sanru.ac.ir)

### ***Evaluation of your Application***

As soon as your application is received; it is evaluated by the Registrar's Office. The result is forwarded to your e-mail. Incomplete application forms are not taken into consideration. The evaluation of an application normally takes a few days. An acceptance letter is e-mailed to the e-mail address of eligible applicants and reject letter to the applicant whose academic qualifications are not sufficient.

### ***University and Course Registration***

Students who are accepted at Sari University are required to register on the given dates stated on the acceptance letter. For University registration students should go to Registrar's Office with the following original documents. Each applicant must fill and sign the Registration Form on the time of registration.

1. Two recommendation letters from the his/her previous thesis supervisors
2. Original High School Diploma or Bachelor's degree
3. Original Mark Sheets or Transcripts
4. A Bank Guarantee Letter
5. Twelve (12) photographs
6. A photocopy of your passport
7. The tuition fee receipt from bank

**Note:** English translations of these documents are necessary if they are in any language other than English.

### ***International students' welfare***

- **International student advisor**

Our international student advisor, Dr. Seyed Ali Jafarpour and Mr. Majid Khoshrooz can provide you with sympathetic, confidential and practical advice on all aspects of living and studying at Sari University.

- **International Student Handbook**

An International Student Handbook, which contains information on immigration, banking, traveling to Mazandaran Province and so on will be sent to you in a pack of information as soon as your place at Sari University is confirmed.

- **International Orientation**

Our International Student Advisor offers an extensive orientation program designed to introduce you to the city and university, answer questions on welfare, accommodation and academic issues and included a tour of Mazandaran with an additional optional tour of other destinations in along with the Caspian Sea coastline.

### ***Contact the University***

- a) **Sari University academic staffs**

International recruitment staffs travel throughout the world, attending exhibitions, holding student information sessions and interviewing students.

- b) **Student/Alumni Ambassadors**

You can also contact any of our student/Alumni ambassadors who are all either currently studying at the University or have recently graduated and can provide you with a student perspective on life as a student at Mazandaran.

**Contact address:**

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## Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

### Application of Overseas Students Admission

#### Personal Identifications:

1- Last Name:

2- First Name:

3- Middle Name:

4- ID Number:

5- Date of Birth: (Month, Day, Year)

6- Place of Birth: City:

County:

7- Nationality:

8- Religion:

9- Sex: Male Female

10- Passport Number:

Date of Issue: (Month, Day, Year)

11- Marital Status: Single  Married

Number of Children:

12- Dependents Information: (Including Spouse and Children)

Last Name	First Name	Date and Place of Birth	Nationality	Relationship with Applicant

13- Current Mailing address of applicant:

Zip code/Postal Code:

Home: Office:

Tel: Fax:

E-mail:

**Educational Background:**

14- List all educational institutions attended after high school in chronological order.

Name of School/University	Location (Country)	Field of Study	Date of Attendance	
			From	To

15- Are you currently studying at any institution? Yes  No

If yes, please complete the table below.

Field of Study	Name and Address of Institution	Degree Sought	Starting Date	Graduation Date (expected date of graduation)

16- Interested field of study:

1- 2- 3-

7- For which level do you apply?

Undergraduate  M.Sc. Degree  Ph.D. Degree

18- Please specify how you will be financially supported:

Personal Income  Scholarship  (Indicate source of your scholarship)

19- Date you expect to start the program:

20- Do you have any physical disability?

Yes  No  If yes, please explain:

21- English and Persian Languages Skills:

LANGUAGE	READING				WRITING				SPEAKING			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor

22- Publications (books, articles ...)

Title	Year	Publisher

**Professional Experience:**

23- Details of Previous and present employment:

Present institutional affiliation	
Previous	

I fully understand that filling this questionnaire does not constitute any offer of admission to the University of Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and I hereby certify that the information given above is all true and complete and, if admitted, as a student shall adhere to all academic and disciplinary measures of University of Sari University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Applicant's Name and Signature:

Date:

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